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intermittently on official association in connection with government employment and related matters until approximately the middle of 1953. He advised that he has had no association with the applicant since 1953. According to Mr. HOUSTON, his association with the applicant has been mainly official with some social contact. He stated that he was acquainted with the applicant's wife. According to Mr. HOUSTON, he has had no reason to question the applicant's character, reputation, associations or loyalty to the United States. He advised that he would recommend the applicant for government service depending upon the nature of the assignment and if under the proper direction.

He stated that the condition of the applicant's health is generally considered fair.

In 1952 Mr. ROBERT H. CUNNINGHAM, [redacted] advised SA NELSON that he had known the applicant on a strictly professional basis since 1946 and that he was not acquainted with the applicant's wife. He stated that he had had no contact with the applicant since early 1952. He stated that neither he nor the applicant had occasion to supervise the work of the other; and he, therefore, did not care to comment on the applicant's professional qualifications. He stated that his observations of the applicant from serving on various committees and dealing with him as chief of different offices, had led him to a high regard for the applicant. He stated that to the best of his knowledge the applicant was a man of good character, reputation and a loyal American citizen. b6 b7C

On May 6, 1957, Mr. CUNNINGHAM was recontacted by SA BURKART. He advised that he had had no contact with the applicant since 1952. He stated that he had no reason to change or amend statements given by him in 1952.

In 1952 Mr. DAVID CONNELLY, [redacted] advised SA NELSON that he had known the applicant since 1943. He stated that he worked with the applicant for fifteen months in Washington, D. C., and later at Bari, Italy, where the applicant was "Skipper" of an OSS station, Mr. CONNELLY having b6 b7C

Mrs. W. D. KELLY [redacted] advised SA NELSON that she knew the applicant and his wife while they resided in the community but that she had never had much contact with them. She stated that they were quiet, well mannered people who had a good reputation in the neighborhood. She added that the applicant's wife is a lovely woman in all respects, and that both she and the applicant are completely loyal to the United States to the best of her knowledge. She concluded by stating that she feels that the applicant would be a very capable, co-operative person who would always do his best in whatever he was engaged.

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Mrs. CLAYTON E. HILTS, [redacted] advised SA NELSON that she knew the applicant and his wife only during their period of residence in the community but that she was never closely associated with them. She stated that they are people who mind their own business and appear to be of good character and reputation. She stated that to the best of her knowledge the applicant and his wife are loyal citizens.

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Mrs. L. J. BAIRD, [redacted] advised SA ELSUM G. HEDGES in 1950 that she had been a neighbor of the applicant and his wife for about two years but had no direct contact with them. She stated that the applicant and his wife had [redacted] and appeared to be respectable neighbors. She added that she knows of nothing derogatory concerning them.

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Mrs. HAROLD COLEMAN, [redacted] advised SA HEDGES in 1950 that she has had very little contact with the applicant and his wife and knows of nothing unfavorable concerning them.

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REFERENCES AND ACQUAINTANCES

On May 3, 1957, Mr. LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON, 3114 R Street, N. W. DC advised SA BURKART that he has been acquainted with the applicant since October, 1944, in Italy and on government business. He stated that the applicant was a Commander in the U. S. Navy on special assignment. He stated that he has been in contact with the applicant

handled one of the applicant's departments. He added that he also knew the applicant at Switzerland and worked closely with him during most of the period from 1943 until the applicant left the Central Intelligence Agency in 1951. He said that he knows the applicant intimately, has known his family, and both his former and present wife. He stated that at present he knows many of the applicant's friends.

Mr. CONNELLY said that he would vouch very strongly for the applicant's loyalty to his country, as well as that of his wife, ELEANOR. He stated that he had never observed any disloyal tendencies of any nature whatsoever. Insofar as the applicant's divorce and subsequent re-marriage were concerned, he stated that he regarded the applicant's former wife very highly, that their divorce was a matter of incompatibility and personality clash and there should be no reflection on the applicant's reputation or moral character. He also advised that he could vouch for the fine character and reputation of the applicant's present wife.

Mr. CONNELLY stated that he regards the applicant as an excellent organizer who has a well organized mind. He stated that the applicant had held several managerial positions in a very capable manner. He added that the applicant has a fine personality and is a man who always has time to see his staff, being considerate of them and very concerned with their morale. He stated that he knows of no weakness in the applicant's character and that the applicant had high ideals. He stated that while both were in Italy he often saw the applicant in the company of ELEANOR GRECO (who is now his wife) and never saw any activity on the part of either that could be subject to criticism.

Mr. CONNELLY stated that in regard to the situation at Bari, Italy, when the applicant took over the Command the morale was very bad as the command had been changed several times with some of the OSS teams having been in the field a long time and with the supply situation being critical. He stated that there were elements very Pro-Tito, others very Pro-Mihailovich, and some that were very Pro-Communist. He stated that the applicant inherited these groups when he was put in command and in very short order had the place

Report Form
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TITLE OF CASE	Report made by	Typed By
EDWARD JAMES GREEN	JAMES C. SMITH	GL

CHARACTER OF CASE

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Synopsis:

CIA employment verified. Supervisors and co-workers furnished favorable information. Neighborhoods favorable. References and acquaintances recommend. T-1 was unable to furnish additional information when recontacted in 1952. ROBERT H. McDOWELL when recontacted in 1952 added that applicant was unsatisfactory for responsibility due to general character weakness. T-2 when recontacted stated applicant inclined to be "rank conscious" and not suited for some types of work. T-2 presently unavailable for interview. Other associates recommended applicant favorably. Files Credit Bureau, Inc., reflects satisfactory credit rating for applicant and wife. No record exspouse. Files MPD reflect one traffic violation on applicant. No record applicant's spouse or exspouse. No record applicant or applicant's spouse or exspouse USPP, Fairfax County, Virginia PD or Falls Church, Virginia PD. No record applicant HCUA or State Security. Navy service set forth.

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TITLE OF CASE "CHANGED"
JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR.;
FREDERICK CHENEY LA RUE, ETAL;
BURGLARY, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL
COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS, WDC, 6/17/72

REPORT MADE BY: SA ANGELO J. LANO — TYPED BY: ajl

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9. The letters were subsequently returned to the Office of Security where they were stored under secure conditions.

10. At no time did I communicate with Mr. McCord in any way regarding aforesaid letters nor did I acknowledge their receipt. I have had no contact with Mr. McCord in any fashion other than above-mentioned letters since his retirement from the Central Intelligence Agency in the summer of 1970.

11. An intermittent source of the Security Research Staff, Office of Security, Central Intelligence Agency, with regard to the security of Agency installations who is a long time friend of Mr. McCord, did communicate to me verbally some gratuitous personal information regarding the McCord family situation, his problems in raising bail and conditions of his incarceration on two or three occasions prior to the McCord trial.

Paul F. Gaynor

Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public in and for the County of Fairfax, Commonwealth of Virginia this 24th day of May 1973.

My commission expires My Commission Expires 15 April 1977.

Mildred P. Morris
Notary Public

INTERVIEWS OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ~~S (E)~~ (U)

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PAUL F. GAYNOR, Supervisor, Counter-Intelligence Section, Central Intelligence Agency, Mc Lean, Virginia furnished the following information: ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

From 1955 to early 1962, JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR., worked for GAYNOR in the Counter-Intelligence Section. In 1962, MC CORD took an overseas assignment. This tour lasted about two years. When MC CORD returned, he visited with GAYNOR occasionally at the office. GAYNOR did not socialize with MC CORD, but had a few lunches with him. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

GAYNOR was then shown certain memoranda turned over by U.S. Senator STUART SYMINGTON, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services. These memos were stacked in such an order dating from July 29, 1972 to January 5, 1972 (it is believed that the latter date should have been typed January 5, 1973). Also enclosed in the memos were xerox copies of envelopes addressed to "PAUL F. GAYNOR, 4629 35th Street North, Arlington, Va." After reviewing the above, GAYNOR advised he recognized these as memoranda received from JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR., during the investigation of the Watergate break in. When asked why MC CORD would send this type of information to him, GAYNOR, he replied that MC CORD probably felt that the material would receive more attention through GAYNOR than anyone else. GAYNOR then stated that he observed one xerox memo and wanted it explained that that particular memo was sent to then Director HELMS personally by MC CORD and the first time GAYNOR saw that memo was when the documents were being turned over to the Senate. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

GAYNOR stated that all memos were received between December 24, 1972 and January 7, or 8, 1973. On the first working day after each memo was received, GAYNOR advised he would turn them over to Director of Security HOWARD OSBORNE. GAYNOR stated he took no action himself in communicating any messages or thoughts back to MC CORD and to his knowledge no one else at the Agency did. When asked to explain how he could make such a statement, he stated that OSBORNE met with General Counsel LAWRENCE HOUSTON, and Director HELMS on the subject of the memos and it was passed back to him that HELMS' final decision on the matter was that the Agency would take no action. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

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by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted] AJL:sjs Date dictated 6/1/73

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To the best of his knowledge, GAYNOR recalled that he received the original of all memos from MC CORD, with the exception of the one noted on the top, "copy to JACK CAULFIELD." Of that one, GAYNOR stated he received a xerox copy. (U)

GAYNOR stated he has not communicated with MC CORD by word or letter since MC CORD's retirement in 1970. (U)

GAYNOR stated that when he [redacted] to take no action, the letters were kept in a file by RICHARD OSBORNE. Sometime later and Inspector General for the Agency, WILLIAM BROE began an investigation of the entire matter, to determine if CIA and MC CORD were linked in any on going operation. It was during this investigation in late 1972 or 1973, that OSBORNE recalled the letters and turned them over to the Inspector General, who promptly turned them over to JOHN MAURY of the Legislative Counsel, who may have actually been the person who presented the documents to Senator SYMINGTON. (U)

Asked why he did not turn the information over to the Prosecuting Attorneys in this case when he received the information, GAYNOR stated as he received each letter he turned it over to OSBORNE and did nothing else. He stated when HELMS' decision came down, he did not communicate his, HELMS, reply to anyone, even MC CORD. (U)

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HOWARD J. OSBORN, Director of Security of the Central Intelligence Agency, was interviewed in the office of LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON, General Counsel for the Central Intelligence Agency. Prior to the interview, Mr. OSBORN was furnished an Advice of Rights Form which he read and executed. He was also informed of the nature and the extent that the agents were conducting this interview of him. (S) (E) (U)

At the outset of the interview, Mr. OSBORN furnished the agents with a copy of an affidavit by him dated May 23, 1973 in which he explained his recollection and circumstances involved with the receipt of certain letters and/or memoranda from one JAMES W. MCCORD, JR., directed to PAUL GARBER and/or RICHARD HELMS, former Director of the CIA. (S) (E) (U)

OSBORN advised that sometime in early August, 1972 an envelope addressed to Mr. RICHARD HELMS, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, was received at the Director's office. The letter and the envelope were sent to OSBORN's office as routine "grand mail". When he examined the letter and saw the signature "Jim", OSBORN recognized it and believed it to be the signature of a former employee, JAMES W. MCCORD. Although he was not positive, he felt that this letter was from MR. MCCORD and, therefore, took the letter into the office of Mr. HELMS and indicated to him what his feelings were. OSBORN stated he told Mr. HELMS that he felt the letter should be turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated Mr. HELMS, at first, said that he did not want to do this and OSBORN replied that perhaps it should be turned over to the United States Attorney. When asked what the content of the letter referred to, OSBORN replied that it pertained to the Watergate case. Mr. HELMS, according to OSBORN, decided that he would like to have a legal opinion on this matter and requested legal advice. According to OSBORN, both HELMS and HOUSTON decided there was no legal obligation on the part of the agency to turn over this material to either the Justice Department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On the instructions of Mr. HELMS, the letter was placed in a "secure file" in his, OSBORN's, office and no further action was to be taken on it. (S) (E) (U)

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Sometime later toward the end of the year and into January of 1973, additional letters were received by PAUL GAYNOR. All of the letters pertained to the Watergate investigation or forthcoming trial. OSBORN stated that each letter was carried by himself to Mrs. ELIZABETH DUNLEVY, Secretary to Mr. HELMS, with the remark that "the boss should look at these, these are more of the same". OSBORN stated either the same day that he turned the letters over to Mrs. DUNLEVY or the next day, the letters would be returned to him without any instructions. When asked what he did with each letter, OSBORN stated that without receiving any additional instructions, he placed each new letter in the "secure file" and took no further action. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

OSBORN stated that prior to Mr. HELMS departing the United States to become Ambassador to Iran, he delivered the file with all the letters to Director HELMS and sought his advice as to what action he should take. According to OSBORN, HELMS told him there was no reason to take any action at this time, but referred the file to Mr. HOUSTON and if Mr. HOUSTON had no objection, no action would be taken and the material would be maintained in the "secure file". OSBORN said he did as he was instructed and receiving no additional instruction from Mr. HOUSTON, the file was replaced. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U) JOHN K. GREANEY (U) ~~(S)(C)~~

The file was maintained in the office of Mr. OSBORN until May 14 or May 15, 1973 when, during an internal investigation, OSBORN suddenly recalled their existance and brought it to the attention of Mr. JOHN GREANEY, who was in the office of the General Counsel of the Agency. Also informed at this time of the existance of these letters was Mr. WILLIAM BROE and a Mr. GREER. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

Subsequently, the entire file, that is a Xerox copy of each letter or memo received at the agency from MC CORD, was made available to Senator STUART SYMINGTON. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

OSBORN advised that he had informed Mr. GAYNOR that he was not to respond in any manner to the memos being forwarded by MC CORD. According to his information, no one at the agency has had contact with MC CORD since his retirement in March of 1970. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

OSBORN was asked why he did not furnish the memos as they were being received from MC CORD to either the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation and he replied that he was under orders not to divulge the information outsi (U) ~~(S)(C)~~

the agency and he followed those orders. He stated, however, that when he first read and digested the original letter forwarded to Director HELMS, he felt that it was of the utmost importance that the Federal Bureau of Investigation or the Department of Justice be made aware of this letter from MC CORD. However, on the advice of Mr. HOUSTON and Mr. HELMS, he took no action. ~~(S)(C)~~ (U)

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STATE OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF FAIRFAX, to-wit:

HOWARD J. OSBORN who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am the Director of Security of the Central Intelligence Agency.

2. The purpose of this statement is to record, to the best of my knowledge and recollection, circumstances involved in the receipt of a series of unsigned correspondence received by the Agency during the period from 1 August 1972 to 7 January 1973. The significance of these letters is that by their content and by the handwriting on two of them, they are believed to have been written by James W. McCord, Jr., one of the defendants in the Watergate trial.

3. My first involvement in this matter occurred on the 2nd or 3rd of August 1972 when an envelope addressed to Mr. Helms, then Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, with no return address, and postmarked 30 July 1972 was routed to my desk from the Director's office as a routine piece of "crank mail". The envelope contained a carbon copy of a typewritten letter signed "Jim" with the name in the salutary address excised - "Dear _____". After dismissing the letter as a piece of crank mail, I had second thoughts and recognized the handwriting on the envelope and the signature "Jim" on the letter as being similar to that of Mr. McCord, who formerly worked for me as a security officer before his retirement from the Agency.

4. On that same day, I showed the letter to Mr. Helms and told him that although I was not positive, I was reasonably sure that the letter had been sent by Mr. McCord. Mr. Helms agreed that it was a strong probability that the envelope had been sent to him by Mr. McCord. I told him that I felt very strongly that the letter should be turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Helms, after some reflection, decided that he would like to have a legal opinion on the matter and summoned Mr. Lawrence Houston, General Counsel of the Agency, to his office and had him read the letter. After he had finished ~~reading the~~ letter the ensuing discussion, to the best of my recollection, centered about whether the Agency had any legal obligation to forward the letter to the Justice Department or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Both Mr. Helms and Mr. Houston decided that there was no such obligation and I was told to hold the letter in a secure file in my office and take no further action on it. Mr. Helms instructed me to restrict knowledge of the existence of the letter to an absolute minimum number of people.

5. The next envelope received was addressed to Mr. Paul Gaynor, a staff chief in my office and a former close friend of Mr. McCord's, on or about the 23rd of December 1972. The next envelope received was addressed to Mr. Gaynor's residence and was undated but postmarked 27 December 1972. The two envelopes contained one or more unsigned typewritten pieces of correspondence which appeared to relate to Mr. McCord's involvement in the Watergate "affair". Both of these letters were handcarried by me to Mrs. Elizabeth

Dunlevy, secretary to Mr. Helms, and after he had reviewed them, they were returned to me personally by Mrs. Dunlevy for inclusion in the same secure file with the first one.

6. Subsequently, on 29 December 1972 and on 4 January 1973 and 6 January 1973, three additional envelopes containing unsigned typewritten correspondence were received by Mr. Gaynor at his residence and promptly delivered to me for review and subsequent inclusion in the secure file. I did not bring these to the immediate attention of Mr. Helms but a week or so later delivered to him a folder with all copies of the letters we had received. As I recall, my request to him was for guidance as to what action should be taken with regard to them in the light of his departure from the Agency incident to his nomination as United States Ambassador-designate to Iran. After reviewing them, he informed me that he did not see any reason to take any action at that time, but asked that I show them to Mr. Houston and if Mr. Houston had no objection, I was to retain them in a secure file and take no action with regard to them. As I recall, Mr. Houston was out of town at the time and it was several days before I had an opportunity to give him the folder with the copies of the letters in it for review. After reviewing them, he informed me that he had no objection to the instructions Mr. Helms had given me and I so informed Mrs. Elizabeth Dunlevy, secretary to Mr. Helms.

7. On 14 May 1973, Mr. William Broe, Inspector General of the Agency, and his Deputy, Mr. Kenneth Greer, met with me in my office in connection with an investigation they were undertaking at the direction of Mr. Schlesinger to determine if anyone in the Agency had any contact with

Mr. McCord since the Watergate incident or if Mr. McCord had contacted anyone in the Agency. I informed them that, to the best of my knowledge, no one in the Agency had been in contact with Mr. McCord or at least it had not come to the attention of my office. I told them that Mr. Paul Gaynor had been a close friend of Mr. McCord's but that I was satisfied, after interviewing him, that he had not seen or talked to Mr. McCord since the Watergate incident. (I subsequently determined from Mr. Gaynor that he has not seen or talked to Mr. McCord since his retirement from the Agency on 31 August 1970.) I also told them that a Mr. Leo Rosenbaum, an employee of the C.I.A. Agency, had requested an appointment with me to discuss the feasibility of contributing to Mr. McCord's defense fund and that I thought I had convinced him that this would be inimical to the best interests of himself, the Agency and Mr. McCord. I also stated that Mr. Rosenbaum had called me several weeks ago to say that he was well known as a close friend of Mr. McCord's and might be called to testify at the current Senate Hearings. I advised him to seek guidance in this regard from the Office of General Counsel. I do not know that he did so. I then remembered the envelopes and correspondence purportedly originated by Mr. McCord. I briefed Mr. Broe and Mr. Greer on the circumstances involved in the receipt and subsequent handling of them and made a copy of each of them and delivered them to Mr. Broe the next day. I also gave a copy, at the same time, to my immediate supervisor, Mr. Harold Brownman.

8. A few days after this, I was contacted by Mr. John Greaney, Office of the General Counsel of the Agency, who asked me about any official or unofficial contacts anyone in the Agency had had with Mr. McCord. I mentioned

the correspondence and suggested that he seek guidance from Mr. Lawrence Houston in this regard. Subsequently, with Mr. Houston's concurrence, Mr. Greaney came to my office and reviewed the original file containing the ~~five~~ six letters. Mr. Greaney indicated that he would recommend to Mr. Houston that they be made available to the Justice Department and on 22 May 1973 Mr. Houston asked for a copy of the letters. On this same date, I was instructed by Mr. James R. Schlesinger, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, to participate in certain Congressional briefings on this matter and to prepare this affidavit.

9. Up to the 14th of May 1973 when I informed Mr. Broe and Mr. Greer of the envelopes and their contents, the only persons knowledgeable of the existence of them, in addition to me, were: Mr. Helms, Mrs. Elizabeth Dunlevy, his secretary, Mr. Houston, Mr. Paul Gaynor of my staff, Miss Kathryn Aldridge, my secretary who prepared the file, Mr. Leo J. Dunn, my Executive Officer, knew of the first envelope and correspondence but not of subsequent envelopes.

10. The only other matter pertinent to this particular matter was the fact that an intermittent source of this Office, who was a close personal friend of Mr. McCord's has relayed to Mr. Gaynor and his staff certain information concerning the personal situation of Mr. and Mrs. McCord during and after the time he was in jail and since he has been released on bond. This source has been utilized by this office for many years and by my direction, no effort was made to solicit information from him about Mr. McCord and the information provided was done so purely gratuitously.

Howard O. Osborn

Howard O. Osborn

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, in and for the County of Fairfax, State of Virginia, this 23 day of May 1973.
My commission expires September 29, 1976.

/s/ Shirley A. Swink
Notary Public

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LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON, General Counsel, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), was interviewed at his place of employment, CIA, McLean, Virginia. Prior to the interview, HOUSTON was furnished an Advice of Rights Form which he read and executed. HOUSTON was advised that the agents were there to discuss with him certain documents mailed to PAUL GAYNOR, a supervisor for CIA, from JAMES W. MC CORD during 1972 and early 1973. ~~(S-1)(C)~~ (U)

HOUSTON advised that sometime in the late summer of 1972 he was called to the office of the then director of the CIA, RICHARD HELMS. He was shown a letter which had been addressed on the envelope to "RICHARD HELMS, CIA, McLean, Virginia". This letter was shown to him by the Director of Security for the Central Intelligence Agency, HOWARD OSBORN. After reading the letter, he asked OSBORN and Mr. HELMS how this letter arrived at the agency. OSBORN replied that it was received in the director's normal mail. ~~(S-1)(C)~~ (U)

HOUSTON advised that the reason why he was called to the director's office was to explain whether or not the agency had any legal requirement to turn over the letter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) or the United States Attorney, since it apparently pertains to the "Watergate investigation". After rereading the letter, HOUSTON advised Mr. HELMS and OSBORN that, in view of the situation, he felt there was no legal responsibility upon the CIA to turn over this document to either the FBI or the United States Attorney. HOUSTON told HELMS that the CIA should retain custody of the letter whether or not there was any requirement, the agency should not release it. To the best of his knowledge, Mr. HELMS instructed OSBORN to maintain the letter in OSBORN's saf (U) ~~(S-1)(C)~~

HOUSTON then stated that, to the best of his knowledge, he did not see any other letters written by MC CORD to anyone else at the agency until sometime in early in 1973 when, as he was informed by Mr. OSBORN, a file was shown to him that may well have contained these additional letters. HOUSTON stated that he cannot recall seeing this file, as mentioned by Mr. OSBORN. He stated he cannot recall seeing any additional letters or memorandum pertaining to the Watergate trial. Wi (U) ~~(S-1)(C)~~

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asked to explain why Mr. OSBORN did not communicate to Mr. HOUSTON about other letters being received at the agency from MC CORD, HOUSTON explained by stating that OSBORN may well have mentioned to him that other letters were received, but again HOUSTON cannot recall OSBORN making this statement to him. (S-1)(C) (U)

HOUSTON advised that when he first learned of the arrest of JAMES WALTER MC CORD, JR. and EVERETT HOWARD HUNT, he asked the agency to check and determine the extent of their contacts with the agency since their retirement. He stated that he also requested information regarding any contacts with BERNARD L. BARKER, by the agency. HOUSTON felt that anyone of the three and possibly all of the Cubans might claim a defense that they were working for the "CIA". He stated based on his concern, all information developed from a review of the CIA files was furnished to the Bureau and to the United States Attorney or to the Department of Justice. (S-1)

HOUSTON stated there was a time when material was made available at the Department of Justice by the Director, RICHARD HELMS, for reviewal by the United States Attorney's office. When asked if the letter or letters sent from MC CORD to either HELMS or GAYNOR were included in that file, HOUSTON stated "there was no reason why the HELMS letter or any other material could not have been included at that time." He stated that when all the material regarding contacts by HUNT, MC CORD and BARKER were furnished, this letter sent to HELMS, did not surface and HOUSTON blamed it on his "fading memory". (S-1)

Regarding HUNT, HOUSTON stated that sometime in August of 1972 he received a telephone call from HUNT who expressed concern for a "friend", lawyer, who was being called before the Federal Grand Jury in Washington, D. C. (WDC). This lawyer friend of HUNT's was from Los Angeles, CA. HOUSTON volunteered that the person who HUNT was concerned for was MORTON B. JACKSON. HOUSTON told HUNT that JACKSON should contact him when he arrives in Washington. Toward the end of August, 1972, JACKSON did contact HOUSTON and the discussion was primarily concerned with JACKSON's former association with the agency. HOUSTON informed JACKSON that should any specific questions arise during his grand jury appearance regarding his association with the agency, JACKSON should attempt to refer these matters to his, HOUSTON's, office. HOUSTON advised he recalled receiving another telephone call from JACKSON in which he stated he did not have any problems at the grand jury and thanked Mr. HOUSTON for his assistance. (S-1)(C) (U)

Mr. HOUSTON stated that at the conclusion of this interview, he would make available a copy of his contact with EVERETT HOWARD HUNT and MORTON B. JACKSON. ~~(S-1)(C)~~ (U)

HOUSTON advised that prior to the trial in January, 1973 an Associate Counsel to the Agency, Mr. WARNER, had been contacted by Assistant United States Attorney SEYMOUR GLANZER. According to HOUSTON, the conversation concerns the possibility of the defendants claiming that they were operating under instructions of the CIA. Based on this conversation, and a conversation Mr. HOUSTON had with Director HELMS, it was agreed that the material pertaining to contacts by the individuals in the trial, with the agency, could be reviewed by the trial assistants. HOUSTON advised that this was done at the Department of Justice. ~~(S-1)(C)~~ (U)

At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. HOUSTON stated that he wished to turn over to the interviewing agents a copy of an affidavit he furnished to the Senate Committee headed by Senator STUART SYMINGTON, who was questioning those persons connected with the CIA who had been in contact with HUNT, MC CORD, or anyone else involved in the Watergate case. ~~(S-1)(C)~~ (U)

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF VIRGINIA)
) ss:
COUNTY OF FAIRFAX)

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON, being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

1. I am the General Counsel of the Central Intelligence Agency and have held that position since 1947. To the best of my recollection, it was early in August of 1972 that I was asked to come to the office of Mr. Richard Helms, the Director of Central Intelligence. On arrival I was handed by Mr. Howard Osborn, the Director of Security of the Central Intelligence Agency, a letter which Mr. Osborn informed me had been received by the Director's office. There was either no addressee or the name had been excised. Also, there was no full signature although the name "Jim" was in handwriting at the bottom of the page. The letter was a somewhat incoherent account of events apparently dealing with the people arrested in June 1972 in the Watergate break in. I discussed the letter with Mr. Helms and Mr. Osborn and we agreed there was a strong probability that it was from Mr. James McCord, although this was not certain at the time.

2. In my years as General Counsel for the Agency I have been responsible for handling a large number of cases where people indicted for criminal acts of a wide variety indicated or threatened in one way or another that they would claim backing by the Central Intelligence Agency as their main defense or part of their defense. In many cases we had

estimated that this was a bluff and by waiting out the situation the bluff had collapsed. In other cases an actual attempt to involve the Agency had occurred and we had countered either by providing the prosecuting attorney with proper documentation or by presenting witnesses to refute the claim of Agency involvement. I, therefore, looked on this letter as either warning us that we could expect such a bluff or warning us that there might be an actual attempt to involve the Agency in the defense of those arrested in the Watergate incident. Since I, as well as the Director of Central Intelligence and others concerned, was convinced that the Agency had no involvement in the Watergate entry, I felt that in the end we could counter any attempt to bring the Agency into the defense. In the event it was a bluff our experience had been that the best way to call the bluff was to ignore it completely. I, therefore, advised the Director of Central Intelligence that we had no legal responsibility to pass the letter on to any other authorities and that we would work with the United States Attorney if and when the defense actually made a formal attempt to involve the Agency at the trial. The Director agreed and I returned the letter, as I recall, to the Director of Security.

3. I cannot recall whether I knew of or saw the subsequent letters that appear to have been sent by Mr. McCord concerning the Watergate trial situation. I may have been told that there were more but I cannot remember this being done. Mr. Osborn believes he showed me the complete file early in 1973 and this may well be although I have no recollection of it. By that time the trial was over and no effort had been made by the defense to involve the Central Intelligence Agency and I thought the episode was closed.

4. On 15 May 1973 I received word from General Walters, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, that he had had an interview that day with Mr. Earl Silbert, Principal Assistant United States Attorney, and Mr. Silbert had asked him to obtain the answers to certain questions. The first, as written out by General Walters in his own handwriting, was: "Did anybody from the Agency, directly or indirectly, have contact with McCord or any other defendant at any time since their arrest on 17 June 1972 officially or unofficially." As I did not know the answer and the question of the McCord letters did not come to mind, I asked a member of my staff, Mr. John K. Greaney, to obtain the answer from the Office of Security. On Wednesday, 16 May 1973, he reported to me that he had been informed by the Office of Security that no one had any official contact with Mr. McCord after his retirement in 1970 and the only other contacts were the letters received in 1972 and early 1973 which appeared to have been written by Mr. McCord. I called Mr. Osborn, the Director of Security, I believe on that same day, and said that since Mr. Silbert had told General Walters that he wanted to see all of the papers in our Watergate file I had better discuss these letters with him. Mr. Osborn agreed. I also called Mr. William E. Colby, Executive Secretary, CIA Management Committee, and mentioned the letter file to him and said I was going to discuss it with Mr. Silbert. Mr. Colby also agreed.

5. I called Mr. Silbert and with first his absence from his office and then my absence from my office, I did not talk with him until Thursday evening, the 17th of May 1973 and invited Mr. Silbert out to go through our files, which he thought would be useful. I specifically informed him that as a result of his question to General Walters about contacts with McCord

we had come upon the file of McCord letters which on retrospect appeared to be warning us of an attempt to use the Agency as a defense cover up. Mr. Silbert said he would be interested in seeing the letter file and I said it would be available to him when he visited us. We subsequently set an appointment to meet on these matters on 24 May 1973.

Lawrence R. Houston

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 23 day of May, 1973.

A Notary Public in and for the County of Fairfax, Virginia

My Commission Expires: My Commission Expires September 29, 1976

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22 August 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [redacted]

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1. On the afternoon of 19 August 1972 I received a telephone call from Mr. Howard Hunt which was merely to inform me that he had heard from an old friend, [redacted] [redacted] who had been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury in Alexandria, Virginia, and was concerned about his prior association with the Agency. I asked Mr. Hunt to tell Mr. [redacted] to get directly in touch with me. This was the sum total of my conversation with Mr. Hunt.

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2. Mr. [redacted] called me shortly thereafter and said he had been subpoenaed for 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, 23 August 1972. He said his connection with us had been in the early days. I asked if he was referring to OPC, and he said "Yes." He said he had been employed in an unofficial capacity and had signed secrecy agreements, which he wanted to comply with. I said I would check out the matter and be back in touch with him.

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3. Mr. [redacted] called me on Monday afternoon, 21 August, to say that he had been successful in postponing his appearance before the Grand Jury to Wednesday, 30 August, and would probably arrive in Washington on Tuesday, 29 August. I said I was now aware of the facts of his employment and asked him if the company with which he had been associated was still in existence. Mr. [redacted] said he was not sure but he thought not.

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I asked him if he had any inkling about whether he would be questioned concerning his association with us. He said he had no positive indication but felt such a question was possible. I said that the FBI was aware that he had been associated with this Agency and presumably would make its information available to the U. S. District Attorney but that this information had been given to the FBI on a classified basis and presumably the classification would be honored.

4. I suggested to Mr. [redacted] that if he were asked about his association with the Agency he should reply that there had been such an association in the early 1950s, and if there were further questions about the specifics he should try to refer the inquiry to this office. Mr. [redacted] said he thought this would work. I further said that if he were specifically questioned about the company with which he was associated he should not deny it or refuse to answer. [redacted] He said he had lost touch with it since that time but since it was always under financed felt it had probably gone out of business. b1 per CIA b3 per CIA

5. Mr. [redacted] was most cordial and said he would not be back in touch with us unless he ran into some sort of trouble. b1 per CIA b3 per CIA

Lawrence R. Houston

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel

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31 August 1972

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: [redacted]

Mr. [redacted] telephoned today to say that b1 per CIA b3 per CIA he had handled his Grand Jury appearance in accordance with Mr. Houston's suggestions of 19 August 1972. (See Memorandum for the Record of 22 August 1972.) [redacted] said that no b1 per CIA b3 per CIA problems resulted, we could consider the case closed, and thanked us for Mr. Houston's assistance.

John S. Warner

JOHN S. WARNER
Acting General Counsel

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LAURENCE H. HOUSTON, General Counsel to the Central Intelligence Agency, McLean, Virginia, turned over to Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), an affidavit prepared by PAUL F. GAYNOR, Security Research Staff, Office of Security, CIA. ~~& (S-1)(C)~~ (U)

The affidavit is attached hereto. ~~& (S-1)(C)~~ (U)

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By [redacted] and [redacted] Date dictated 6/6/73

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Commonwealth of Virginia

County of Fairfax

Comes now Paul F. Gaynor who being duly sworn deposes and says

1. I am Chief, Security Research Staff, Office of Security Central Intelligence Agency.

2. Purpose is to record my receipt and disposition of five envelopes with letter enclosures received by me from Mr. James W. McCord, Jr. during December 1972 and January 1973.

3. The first such envelope containing a letter dated 22nd December 1972 was received on or about 24th December 1972.

4. The second such envelope received on or about 29th December 1972 contained three separate notes; one listing five names, one containing three sentences and one addressed to "Jack."

5. The third such envelope containing a letter dated 29th December 1972 was received after 1st January 1973.

6. The fourth such envelope containing a letter dated 4th January 1973 was received approximately two days later.

7. The fifth such envelope containing a letter dated 5th January 1973 was received also approximately two days after its date.

8. On each instance of receipt of these letters they were turned over to my supervisor Mr. Howard J. Osborn, Director of Security, Central Intelligence Agency at opening of business the following working day. It is my understanding he made them available to the then Director of Central Intelligence and the General Counsel of Central Intelligence Agency.

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